

# Martin Leaves For Minor League Conferences

Southern League President in Favor of Large and Small Baseballers Getting Together on Harmonious and Profitable Basis—Draft and National Agreement Coming Up.

BY BOB FIGUE.

JOHN D. MARTIN, president of the Southern league, is on his way to Chicago to attend a special meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues a minor league body, which has been called for the purpose of making arrangements for the major and minor leagues to form some sort of working agreement. The meeting will be called to order in Chicago Monday morning and will be attended by all minor league presidents. President Martin is a member of the national board and will represent the Southern league. President Martin's fellow board members are the following minor league presidents: Cal Ewing, president Pacific Coast league; Thos. J. Hickey, president American association; David L. Fultz, president International league; Al Kearney, president Western and Three-Eye leagues; Walter Morris, president Texas league, and John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs.

## MARTIN FAVORS HARMONY

President Martin is in favor of getting together with the major leagues and the minors to work out some plan by which they may be accomplished. The major leagues have already communicated with the minor league heads and requested that the smaller field get together and outline their demands and present them at the annual meeting of the National and American leagues in Chicago next week. It is for the purpose of carrying out this request that the meeting of the minors has been called and which will bring together baseball's leading lights.

## NEW AGREEMENT

One of the first jobs facing the minor leagues is the framing of a new national agreement in lieu of the one that formerly was in effect between the minors and majors and which was amended into the present one. The new agreement will be the work of the national board of the national sport elected to travel separate paths. When the break occurred in general, it was believed by both the minors and majors that each branch of baseball could travel along its own path. But the other, but in trying out the experiment, they have arrived at the conclusion that for the welfare and good of baseball in general, it is necessary that all hands around work in complete harmony and co-operation. The majors have suggested that the minors give the minors a hearing and have the smaller baseballers to air their grievances and to grant the minors as many concessions as possible so long as they remain within the bounds of reason.

The draft, which went the way of the national agreement when the break occurred, is also under the consideration of the minors. The prevailing opinion in the minor leagues is that the

## GET-TOGETHER SESSION

It will be a big get-together session on the part of every branch of baseball with the majors and minors meeting on common ground and perfecting a set of rules and regulations by which they may abide in the years to come, all with the one big purpose in view of keeping baseball the foremost sport of the nation. When the minor leagues have finished the job of outlining what they want and what they don't want, the national board will appear before the major league representatives and lay the case of the minors before them, state the concessions they desire and lay the foundation for a complete reunion of the two big branches of baseball, which have been widely separated for the past several months, much to the detriment of the game.

The outcome of the important session will be awaited with more than ordinary interest by the fans of the game. The minors and majors accomplish in their efforts to get together.

# Attenu

By Coyle Shea

(Mad dog bites Emergency Officer Julio Vannucci in the leg. The dog then dies—News Item.)

Yes, many are the errors I've committed  
And many are the things I've left undone.  
Sure, foolish are the capers in the daily sporting papers  
I have perpetrated working on the run.  
But, honest, I have always known a limit,  
For the piffle I have tried to hustle by—  
I have never let a doggy bite me where the leg is soggy  
And watch him roll upon his back and die.

Oh, Julio, I've always seen you smiling  
And never with the semblance of a frown;  
You're a wholesome hearted whopper and a pleasant sort of a copper  
Aye, the friend of every citizen in town.  
But tell me why you offered such a menu,  
That any hungry canine would have prized?  
Why did you let him bite you, or in any way excite you?  
Oh, Julio, I'm awfully surprised.

"Half a million dollar suits are nothing to get excited over"—New York Evening Journal.  
No—not if you haven't the half a million.

The Yankees have started suit against Ben Johnson for \$500,000. Nothing would better please Cox, Ruppert and Huston than to have the jury bring in a verdict in their favor, with a recommendation that, instead of paying the money, Johnson serve a day in jail for each dollar of the full amount—Exchange.

The colonels could thereby display unqualified devotion and unreserved love and admiration for the chief, nest-ce pas?

Ban should at least feel complimented at being sued for so dreamy an amount.

## STILL SHIFTY AS EVER.

In reply to a query seeking the reason for his failure to appear in St. Louis last night, the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, Tom Watson, said: "Am well and am leaving for St. Louis tomorrow night for each dollar of the full amount—Exchange."

SO KEARNS IS WEARY?  
"Jack Kearns is weary of listening to hot air and will set Feb. 15 as the final day on which bids will be received for a Dempsey-Carpenter match."

WHAT AILS SHERIDAN.  
Another party with a bad leak in the vocal organs is John B. Sheridan, the veteran scribe, whose weekly lamentations appear in the St. Louis Sporting News.  
Sheridan is just now sympathizing with John J. McCloskey in his 1926 predicament. He devotes two columns and a run-over to his walling, recounting at length the many glorious achievements of the manager and the startling and deplorable inefficiency of the Memphis board of directors. Yet every time that Tom Watkins visits St. Louis, Sheridan is there to greet him with open arms—and incidentally to paw off a worthless semipalm in search of a job.  
McCloskey, however, should pay but little attention to the ravings of John B. who rambles along like this:  
"I would congratulate Tom Watkins and Memphis on securing McCloskey if I did not know the full power of the meeting of a board of directors. It is up to McCloskey to get off in front and to stay in front."  
McCloskey has always been, like most Irishmen, leader of a forlorn hope. He is invariably called in when it is rack or nothing, pennant or bust, when the conditions which exist when he arrives assure a bust. McCloskey is brave man. He takes hold in desperate cases. He had to try where Ben Lord, Dolly Stark, Cy Barger, George Mo-

# MEMPHIS' GREATEST SPORT CENTER Pal Moore Floors Roy BELLEVUE MASON AND DIXON LINE Twice; Loses Verdict

Bluff City Supports and Encourages Eleven Distinct Branches of Outdoor and Indoor Competition and Outsteps All Other Cities in Dixie In This Regard—Baseball and Boxing Are in the Lead in Devotees, With Golf, Tennis, Harness Racing, Soccer, Swimming and Basketball Next in Line.

BY BOB FIGUE.

Memphis, Shelby county, Tennessee, is the greatest sporting center in the South. Eleven distinct branches of sport are featured, supported and encouraged in the Bluff City from year to year, with the attendance running up to figures that make one dizzy in attempting to add them. Every variety of sportive competition has its devotees by the thousands, with baseball and boxing in the lead. Year in and year out, season in and season out, the sport pot is kept boiling. In the summer there's baseball, swimming, harness racing, trapshooting, golf and tennis. In the fall and winter there's football, basketball, handball, boxing and soccer. Every variety of sport, amateur and professional, is engaged in during the course of a year, with red-blooded Memphians participating in and contributing to their success and welfare.

## BASEBALL

Memphis stands head and shoulders above all other Southern cities from a baseball standpoint. Last season the Memphis Southern league team attracted over 100,000 fans through the turnstiles, and the club was never in the flag race at all from the first few weeks till the close of the season. On Sundays there was not room to seat all the fans who turned out, and despite the fact that the club was a bloomer, the attendance kept up well all the year. The same goes for past seasons, with the fans turning out strong and showing up in the thousands. The club has since the rosy days of 1903-1904. In addition to the professional baseball, Memphis is the greatest amateur baseball town in the country. The Memphis Associated Amateurs, an organization for the promotion of all amateur sports, backs any number of baseball leagues each summer, with all games free. It is estimated that fifty-two teams outdrew the professionals last season, and the professional attracted over 100,000 fans fully 225,000 fans saw baseball games in Memphis last season. Even the girls of Memphis organized baseball leagues and staged regular pennant races. The national pastime has a great hold on Memphians and the Bluff City supports the game in a manner that no other Southern city may boast of.

## BOXING

Despite the fact that only eight-round boxing matches are permitted in Tennessee, the boxing game flourishes in Memphis. A regular weekly boxing show is put on by promoter Billy Hise at the Southern Athletic club, and each week something like 2,000 fans witness the bouts. The attendance is about 2,300 is something like 115,000 for the year. Since the war the fistie game has been popular here, and it has been before, and fight fans are turning out to every card that is put on.

A strong effort has been made from time to time to secure legislation which would permit 20-round matches in Tennessee, and in case it is ever put across Memphis would unquestionably be the leading boxing city in Dixie.

## GOLF

Twenty-five years old in Memphis, the royal and romantic game of golf probably has enjoyed a career here that is more eccentric but at the same time additionally interesting than anywhere else in the South. First club swingers came to this city about a quarter of a century ago, maybe a trifle earlier. They were British cotton buyers and included among them was Wick Richardson and several others who yet live here. J. P. Edgington was also an early devotee of the sport. They played at the old Peabody links, located where Central high school now stands. They were hard to find, but they were there.

Today the total golfers here runs up to 2,000. There are four links. The Memphis Country club and Colonial Country club have 18-hole courses. At the former there are 20 active golfers, while Colonial boasts of possibly 75 or more than that figure. It is hard to determine exactly the players who tramp over Overton and Riverside links. A couple of seasons ago when a good many of the younger players were away and the game naturally dulled by the war, C. B. Carter, who was then in charge of the country residence in Memphis, took a pool of the ones who teed off at Overton. The total was 1,800. This, with Riverside devotees, brings the total in Memphis today to 3,000 and over.

There are several independent golf clubs. The Shrine Golf club uses the Overton links. They have a dandy clubhouse on Poplar avenue. Then there is the Overton Golf club and several women's organizations. The local players lack nothing in the way of competition.

## M. A. A. SOCCER

DE SOTO LEAGUE.  
Standing of Clubs. W. L. T. Pts.  
Y. M. C. A. 10 0 3 23  
Wade Flours 4 4 3 17  
Spartan Millinery 4 4 3 17  
Royal Roofing 3 7 3 9

Sunday's Games—Ruswood Park.  
Royals vs. Y. M. C. A., 2:15 p.m.  
Wades vs. Spartans, 3:30 p.m.

CHICKASAW LEAGUE.  
Standing of Teams. W. L. T. Pts.  
Floyds Candies 2 2 3 21  
Kupferschmidts 2 4 3 17  
Jefferson Cleaners 3 3 6 12  
C. B. C. 4 4 6 6

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C. B. C. vs. Floyds, 3:30.

## Minor Leagues Must Tender 1920 Contracts On Or Before March 1

ALBURN, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Minor league ball players under reservation must be tendered contracts on or before March 1, according to instructions sent to club owners of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues by John H. Farrell, secretary of the association. Qualification of the Louisiana league in Class D and the reorganized Virginia league in Class B was announced by Mr. Farrell.

## JEWTRAW FEATURES

MALONE, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Charles Jewtraw, of Lake Placid, Eastern amateur champion, featured in the Northern New York amateur ice skating championships here yesterday afternoon, winning the 220-yard and 440-yard dashes. Joe Moore, also of Lake Placid, captured the 100-yard dash, and Everett McGowan, of St. Paul, Minn., led the field in the half-mile.

The races, which were sanctioned by the Eastern Skating Association of America, attracted a large field of entrants.

Read News Scimitar Wants.

## LIST OF SPORTS SUPPORTED IN MEMPHIS.

Baseball—Professional and amateur.  
Boxing—The leading boxers of the country appearing here.  
Golf—Over 3,000 adherents of Col. Bogey in Memphis clubs.  
Tennis—New Memphis Tennis club and public courts.  
Harness Racing—Tri-State Driving club with weekly matinees.  
Trapshooting—Memphis Gun club stages weekly shoot.  
Basketball—Many crack teams performing each season.  
Football—All Memphis prep schools represented each fall with team.  
Soccer—This game gaining fast and several leagues playing weekly.  
Swimming—Doc Hottum's paddling competitions mark each summer. Many devotees.  
Handball—Five courts running daily year in and year out.

There are many sports for which there is something going on.

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## SWIMMING.

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## FOOTBALL.

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BY HARRY HOCHSTADTER.

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